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PRE-APPLICATION NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED OWNERS,
INTERESTED PARTIES AND
REPRESENTED PARTIES

RE: Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A
West Cheneyville Field
Rapides and Evangeline Parishes, LA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.** plans to apply to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters in the Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Cheneyville Field, Rapides and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To create one additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas, such unit to be designated the AUS C RA SUO;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as unit operator for the proposed unit;

4. To designate a unit well for the proposed unit;
5. To extend to the proposed unit, to the extent not inconsistent herewith, all applicable provisions of the Office of Conservation 1415 series of orders; and
6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

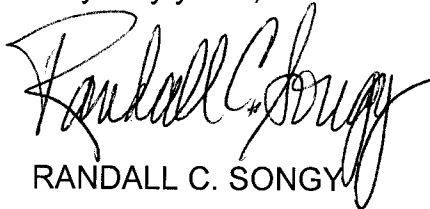
The Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A in the West Cheneyville Field, Rapides and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana was previously defined by Order No. 1415, effective March 11, 1977.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto is hereby tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m., on Friday, February 21, 2003 at the Onebane Law Firm, 102 Versailles Blvd, Suite 600, Lafayette, Louisiana (337) 237-2660. It is noted, however, that this conference will be held ONLY in the event that an Interested Owner or Represented Party within ten (10) days from the date hereof requests that such conference be held.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting David Comeaux, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana, 337-233-9839.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof plats outlining the proposed units and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Very truly yours,



RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad
Enclosures

cc: Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation

Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:

You may have received this Pre-Application Notice even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units. In some cases, the area proximate to proposed units can extend as far as one-half mile outside the unit boundary.

Your receipt of this Pre-Application Notice does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

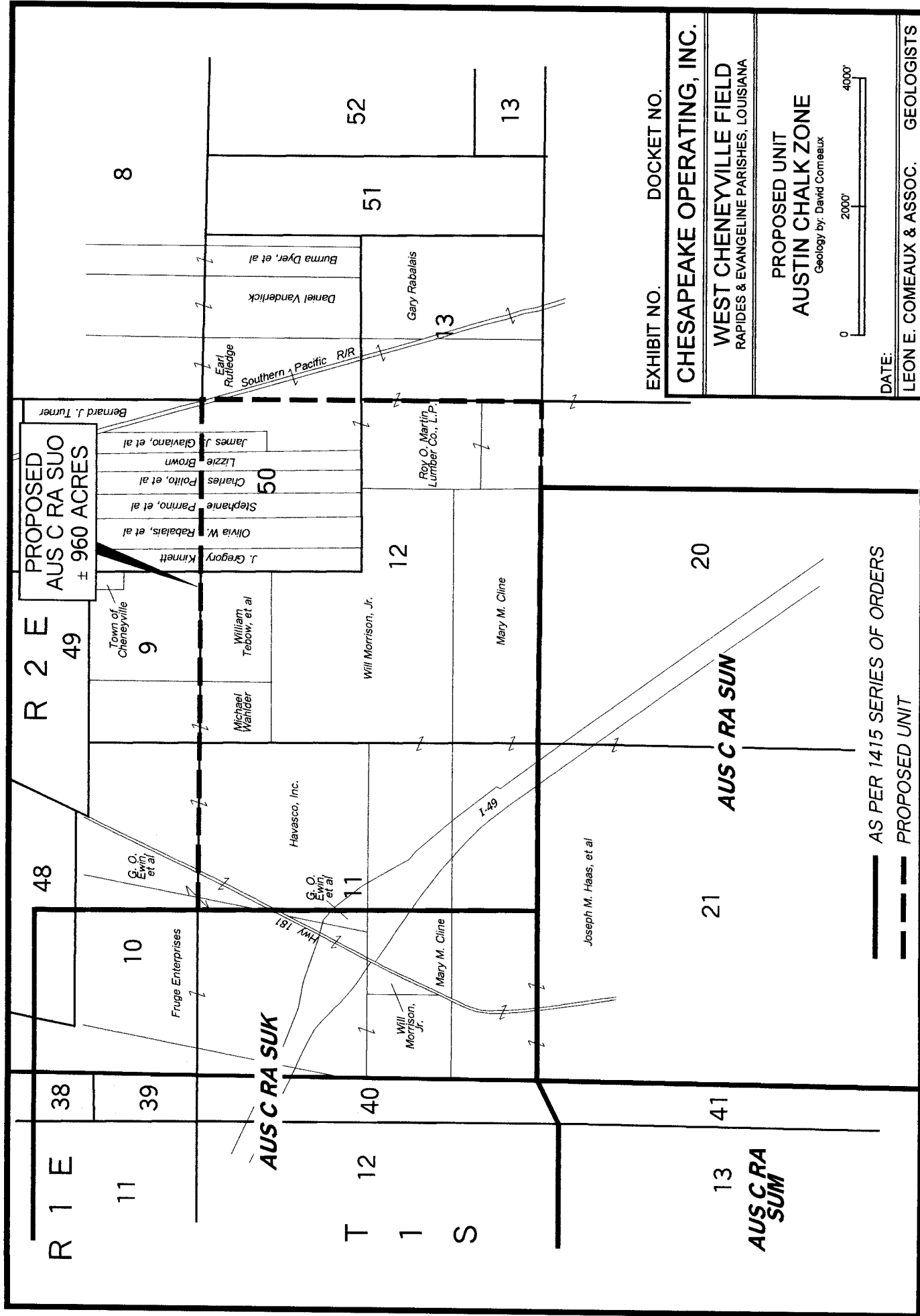


EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO.

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

WEST CHENEYVILLE FIELD
RAPIDES & EVANGELINE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
AUSTIN CHALK ZONE
Geology by: David Comeaux

0 2000' 4000'

DATE:

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